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HUNT PLACED IN WASHINGTON DURING ASSASSINATION
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Convicted Watergate conspirator and former CIA agent E. Howard Hunt was in Washington the afternoon President John Kennedy was killed, says a statement introduced in his libel suit against The Spotlight newspaper.

The Dec. 7, 1981 deposition, introduced late Wednesday, was from Hunt's former neighbor Walter Kuzmak. In it, Kuzmak refuted allegations in The Spotlight, a right-wing tabloid, that Hunt was involved in Kennedy's death.

''I didn't believe, I still don't believe, I know it. He was not in Dallas,'' the deposition said.

Kurmak said he and his wife were at a restaurant in downtown Washington when they saw Hunt and his family drive by. He said they waved and Hunt acknowledged them.

Hunt completed his testimony late Wednesday after about two days on the witness stand. He had said he and Kuzmak carpooled to work the day Kennedy was killed and then saw his neighbor in Washington later in the day.

Kuzmak's deposition indicated the two often carpooled to work, but he couldn't remember if they had gone to work together the day Kennedy was killed.

''When I did see him it was around 2 p.m. Let's pin it down,'' said Kuzmak. ''Let's say 2 p.m.''

Before he left the stand Wednesday, Hunt said he never saw a CIA memo mentioned in the Spotlight that reportedly placed him in Dallas when Kennedy was shot.

Although the memo was not part of Hunt's first libel trial against the newspaper, operated by the Washington-based Liberty Lobby, defense attorney Mark Lane quoted it as saying, ''some day we're going to have to explain Howard Hunt's presence in Dallas on the 22nd (Nov. 22, 1963).''

Hunt's first trial judgment against The Spotlight was overturned by an appeals court ruling that the trial judge erred in his instructions to the jury.

Hunt admitted mentioning the alleged memo in testimony before the House Select Committee on Assassinations during the Watergate era. At that time, Hunt said, ''I can conclude that a spurious memorandum has been foisted off on this committee, whether by the CIA or by a private individual...''

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